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Applicant: Hannu Juhani Leino et al.
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Title: PROCESS FOR STABILIZING THE pH OF A
PULP SUSPENSION AND FOR PRODUCING
PAPER FROM THE STABILIZED PULP
Examiner: Marc S. Alvo
Docket No.: 32107

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The three-month period for responding to the Office action of August 18, 2004 expired on November 18, 2004. Applicants' respectfully request and petition that the response period be extended for three additional months until February 18, 2005. A check for the \$1,020.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

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Date

Signature of Attorney

It is requested that the following amendments be entered prior to examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.